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or cured in the fish-curing yard on the Church Island. The proceeds by sale of such fish amounted to Rs. 338-4-0, of which Rs. 241-12-6 represent the sale-proceeds of the fish cured on the Church Island.

(h) As no attempt was made to use the trawler commercially the question does not arise.

## Industries

*Establishment of peripatetic weaving schools in Cuddapah district.*

* 306 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to the answers given to clause (ii) of my question No. 1753, answered on 15th March 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what steps have been taken to establish peripatetic weaving schools ;

(b) what allotment has been made for the grant-in-aid of such institutions for the year 1928–29 ; and

(c) what special arrangements have been made to push on co-operative organizations in the Ceded districts to assist the weavers in disposing of the products of their looms and also to provide loans for the purchase of comparatively improved appliances ?

A.—(a) The District Boards have been addressed on the subject. Replies received so far are under consideration.

(b) None.

(c) A scheme for the formation of weavers co-operative societies with special reference to the provision of a central agency for marketting their cloth is under the consideration of the Director of Industries and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. No definite steps have yet been taken to start co-operative societies for advancing loans to weavers for the purchase of comparatively costly appliances, but the matter is under consideration.

[For further list of starred questions, vide page 480 infra.]

# UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

## Irrigation

*Completion of the Markandeya River project in Salem district.*

307 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps on the request of the public meeting of the citizens of Salem district held in May 1927 urging the taking in hand and early completion of the Markandeya River project in Salem district ;

(b) whether the said project, if completed, will irrigate some 5,000 acres of wet land ;

(c) whether at present Government is obliged to make large remissions annually ;

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(*d*) whether the Executive Engineer, Salem, recently asked the ryots under the Badatalave tank whether they want the project to be taken up; and

(*e*) whether Government will pass early orders on the matter?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*e*) The project was abandoned in 1926 on financial grounds. A copy of the Chief Engineer's letter, dated 28th October 1925, and G.O. No. 70 I., dated 3rd February 1926, are placed on the table.[a] In view of these orders the Government took no action on the hon. Member's letter of May 1927 enclosing a resolution of a public meeting.

(*b*) The project would irrigate considerably less as the published papers show.

(*c*) The Government have no information beyond what is contained in the Chief Engineer's letter, dated 28th October 1925.

(*d*) The Government do not know; but consider it very improbable that he should have done so in the face of the facts and considerations stated in the papers referred to in clause (*a*).

## Criminal Justice

*Reduction of the Sub-Magistrate, Arkonam, to the post of Assistant Tahsildar.*

308 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the papers connected with the reduction (to the post of Assistant Tahsildar) of the Sub-Magistrate of Arkonam, North Arcot district;

(*b*) whether the reduction was due to the fact that the Sub-Magistrate acquitted certain accused persons whom he found to be innocent in a case of looting launched by the police;

(*c*) if the answer to the above question be in the affirmative, on what grounds the Government came to the conclusion that his judgment was erroneous; and

(*d*) whether the opinion of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Ranipet, was obtained prior to his reduction?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) No Sub-Magistrate of Arkonam was reduced.
(*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise.

## Marine

*Nomination of members to the Port Conservancy Boards in this Presidency.*

309 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) who are the members nominated by Government to the various Port Conservancy Boards and Landing and Shipping Fees Committees in this Presidency;

(*b*) what classes or interests they represent;

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(c) whether any members have been appointed to represent municipalities whose jurisdictions are contiguous to those of such boards and committees;

(d) if not, why Government have omitted to appoint such representatives; and

(e) whether Government propose to take any action to make good such omission?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement [a] giving the information required is laid on the table.

(c), (d) & (e) The members who are also members of the Council of the municipality in which the port lies are indicated in the statement. These members have been appointed to Port Conservancy Boards or Landing and Shipping Fees Committees not because they are members of a municipal council but because they are interested in the trade of the port. The Government consider that the best members of a Board or Committee are those who are directly interested and concerned in the work of the port.

[For farther list of unstarred questions, vide page 495 infra.]

## STARRED QUESTIONS

### Agency

*Rural water-supply in Polavaram division.*

* *310 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the particulars of the three years' programme for the improvement of rural water-supply in the Polavaram division submitted to Government by the Government Agent, East Godavari, with reference to G.O. No. 310, Revenue, dated 9th February 1928, and also the orders of Government thereon?

A.—A copy of the three years' programme [b] for the improvement of rural water-supply in the Polavaram division, East Godavari Agency, is appended to the answer. The question of financing the scheme is under the consideration of the Government.

### Gazetteers

*Compilation of District Gazetteers.*

*311 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed Sahib: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that no Gazetteers have hitherto been compiled for certain districts in the Madras Presidency;

(b) if so, what are those districts, and why no Gazetteers have been compiled and published so far;

(c) whether any officer was at any time deputed to prepare Gazetteers for those districts;

(d) if so, who were the persons so deputed and for what districts and within what time they were asked to complete the Gazetteers;

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a Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 584–585 infra.
b Printed as Appendix IX on pages 585–586 infra.